

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**2021-01**

**February 24, 2021**

**Continuing the Date of the Tiverton Financial Town Referendum (FTR) from the Third Saturday in May 2021 (May 15) to July 17, 2021 and Resetting Budget Submission Dates as set forth in Section 301 of the Tiverton Home Rule Charter**

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar, III, declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tiverton declared a municipal emergency on March 16, 2020 which was later ratified and continued by the newly elected Tiverton Town Council on December 14, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has created a health crisis and economic crisis caused by the closing of many businesses, widespread layoffs, and the loss of permanent employment for many individuals, including Tiverton residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the decline in the federal, state, and the local economy will effect the local budget process and the revenues needed to operate and support municipal and public education/school budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, the local budget process is dependent on accurate revenue estimates, state educational aid, and other grants; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 45-2-3.2(d) grants the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Tiverton the authority to "order, extend, move, or continue any and all budget adoption procedures, including the date of any financial town referendum as set forth in any town charter" during a state of emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Denise DeMedeiros, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Tiverton Town Council, pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws and the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Tiverton do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The date of the Tiverton FTR is moved from May 15, 2021 to July 17, 2021.
2. All schedules related to the FTR as forth in Article III, section 301 are re-set consistent with the attached schedule and noted under the "adjusted dates"
3. All relevant entities and electors shall submit their proposals consistent with the dates as set forth therein; and
4. The town clerk is requested to notify all relevant entities and electors by sending a copy of this order to the town administrator, school committee, budget committee, and town council and post a copy of the adjusted dates on the town's website

This Order shall take effect immediately upon execution.

So Ordered:

  
Denise M. deMedeiros

Title: Town Council President, Town of Tiverton

Date: 2/24/2021

### Tiverton Financial Referendum - Summary of Key Charter Dates

Action	Required by Charter Days prior to FTR	Adjusted Dates
Town Council: Approve and submit final Municipal budget request to the Town Administrator	no later than 73 days	5/5/2021
Town Council: Approve and submit final revenue estimates to the Town Administrator	no later than 73 days	5/5/2021
Town Administrator: Submit final Municipal budget request and final revenue estimates to Budget Committee	no later than 63 days	5/15/2021
Town Clerk: Submit final Town Clerk budget request to Budget Committee	no later than 63 days	5/15/2021
Town Treasurer: Submit final Town Treasurer budget request to Budget Committee	no later than 63 days	5/15/2021
School Committee: Approve and submit final School Department budget request to Budget Committee	no later than 63 days	5/15/2021
Budget Committee: Approve and submit Budget Committee Docket to the Town Clerk	no later than 44 days	6/3/2021
School Committee: Submit Optional Budget Proposal and Resolutions to Town Clerk	no later than 37 days	6/10/2021
Town Council: Submit Optional Budget Proposal and Resolutions to Town Clerk	no later than 37 days	6/10/2021
Town Clerk: Budget Proposal elector petitions made available	no later than 35 days	6/12/2021
Electors: Budget and Resolutions elector petitions due to the Town Clerk	no later than 28 days	6/19/2021
Board of Canvassers: Certification of all elector petitions complete	no later than 21 days	6/26/2021
Town Clerk: Financial Town Hearing	no later than 14 days	7/1/2021
Financial Town Referendum	Third Saturday in May	7/17/2021
Financial Town Referendum Runoff (if necessary)	14 days after FTR	7/31/2021